

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Valley County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 in their Courthouse meeting room. Roll call was taken with Baker, Collins, Sevenker, Ash, Cetak, Cullers and Sintek present. The Clerk verified notice of meeting was published and an agenda posted in the Courthouse and on the County website. Minutes of the November 28 meeting were approved as published on motion of Sintek, seconded by Collins. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Collins, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. There were no changes to the agenda and it was adopted on motion of Cullers, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Cullers, Baker, Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins. No: none. Absent: none. Chairman Sevenker noted that the Open Meetings Act is posted in the Boardroom and copies are available for the public as required. There was no public comment.

The Nebraska Dept. of Roads requires that the County designate an official county newspaper in order for them to comply with state statute when advertising road projects for bids. Collins moved to designate the Ord Quiz as the official County newspaper, seconded by Ash. Carried. Yes: Collins, Sintek, Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers. No: none. Absent: none. The Dept. also requires Certification of the County Highway Supt. for the 2006 calendar year for determining incentive payments to the County. Sintek moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Certification form indicating that Supt. Leth holds a Class A license, was employed by the County for the entire year and has performed all of the required duties. Baker seconded the motion. Carried. Yes: Sintek, Cetak, Collins, Cullers, Baker, Ash. No: none. Absent: none.

Leth reported that they are continuing to cut trees and are maintaining some roads where the washboarded areas are the worst. He will be in Grand Island Thursday to give a deposition in the Ammerman lawsuit. The State has hired contractor HDR of Omaha to inspect the fracture critical bridges this year. The County will have to do the next inspection, due in 2 years. It is required to be a "hands-on" inspection. Discussion regarding the need to replace the bridge south of Boyce's since it is too deep to reach for a hands-on inspection included: has been in 1&6 year plan for several years, bridge not used enough to justify cost of replacing, water not running, could use fill dirt or close the road. BISON bridge inspection system will be used this year, the new PONTIS system will be used next year. State will provide training and a new computer program for PONTIS.

Treasurer Janet Suminski gave the fund balance report for November. Fines are distributed to the schools in Feb. and Nov. The Nov. distribution totaled \$17,295.76. The General Fund shows \$629,747.89 but \$484,643.24 of that is the Courthouse Bond. This leaves about \$145,000 for expenses. Notice was received from the State Auditor that the State is continuing the extra 1/2 cent sales tax that was originally to be temporary and the County Roads are to get a percentage of it. The first payment to Valley County Road Dept. was \$3000, received this month. Airport checking and savings remain about the same. Discussion was held regarding the Airport's recent land purchase. It was noted that the County Board did not know the price paid for the land or how it was being financed. Suminski's records show the Airport paid \$73,629.90 for the land and has a bond levy of .009729 for 06-07. Resolution 06-35 designating County depositories was approved on motion of Ash, seconded by Cetak. Carried. Yes: Ash, Cetak, Sintek, Collins, Cullers, Baker. No: none. Absent: none. The Misc. Receipts folder is available for review.

Sheriff Ronzzo is in District Court this morning but may stop in later. His written Fees & Activities Reports for August, Sept. and October were noted by the Board. Supervisor Sintek said he did not think North Loup was getting much law enforcement service even though they pay for it through an interlocal agreement with the Sheriff's Office. Supervisor Ash said that Arcadia has let their deputy go and that the new Sheriff's Deputy is moving to Arcadia. The Board will ask Sheriff Ronzzo about these issues if he appears later or invite him to the next meeting.

Valley County Clerk, Jenette Lindsey, presented written reports of November fees for the County Clerk and the District Court Clerk.

The disposal of the old aluminum storm windows, window air conditioners, old furniture and old computers was discussed. Following discussion, it was decided that Tanner will be in charge of

the storm windows. If anyone wants any of them, they need to talk to Tanner. The Clerk is to check with RC&D and call the number given by Beckenhauer regarding computer disposal.

Beckenhauer Rep., John Rystrom, reported that the electricity would be shut off to the entire Courthouse on Friday for about an hour to switch to the new panel. Courthouse Offices will remain open, however, they will be unable to provide services that require a computer and there will be no heat or lights. Notices will be posted on the Courthouse entrances. Once the new panel is operational, existing duct work can be used for heat. There is an issue regarding dirt in the exhaust fan in the Courtroom and he is checking into the cost of getting it cleaned as well as the need for some type of filter. First floor windows have arrived and Tanner has rented a warehouse 7 or 8 miles south of town to store them. He was unable to get storage room at the lumber yard. Rystrom will check on arrival date of remaining windows. A camera attached to an air conditioner on the south side of the jail will need to be relocated. The siren will need to be shut down for 4 to 8 hours. The Board asked that law enforcement and the CD Director be notified.

As directed by the Board at their Sept. 12 meeting, beginning in January, 2007, payroll checks will be approved and signed at the last monthly Board meeting but not dispersed to employees until the last working day of the month.

All parties who expressed an interest in the County Attorney and County Surveyor vacancies have been notified of the Board's action in appointing Attorneys Jason White and Glenn Clark and Rasmussen Land Surveying. The Clerk is to invite White and Clark to the next Board meeting.

The notice from Lafayette Life Insurance Co. regarding Group Life coverage for employees under the NACO sponsored BCBS health insurance coverage was reviewed.

A request from Project Extra Mile for a resolution in support of classifying alcopops as distilled spirits was reviewed. Chairman Sevenker said that County Attorney Cullers had reviewed the proposed resolution and it was Sevenker's understanding that Cullers did not recommend approval of the resolution. It was decided to postpone the discussion until Cullers arrived from District Court.

Membership dues for the Ord Area Chamber were discussed. Sintek did not feel the County should belong to it since it is not a countywide organization but said he would go along with the Board's decision. Supervisor Cullers said there is a need to bring the whole area together. Gene McCoy noted that it was his understanding that the Chamber was considering a name change to the Valley County Chamber, that they would like to make it countywide and that they currently have members from both Arcadia and North Loup. Cetak moved to approve payment of the Ord Area Chamber membership fee of \$130.00, seconded by Cullers. Carried. Yes: Cetak, Ash, Baker, Cullers, Collins, Sintek. No: none. Absent: none.

Lodging Tax receipts of \$1,063.86 and expenses of \$1125 were reported for November. It was noted that the \$1125 fee to the Chamber was out of the Visitor's Improvement Fund as directed by the Board.

The Summary Report of Expenditures for November 30, 2006 was reviewed and the notification of 2 job openings at the Central NE Economic Development Dist. was noted.

County Attorney Cullers was still in District Court and unavailable to give his report. Chairman Sevenker said that a meeting of the Wozab Foundation Board had been called immediately following the County Board meeting. Since the membership of both Boards is the same, he recessed the County Board meeting at 10:25 a.m. to reconvene following the Wozab Foundation Board meeting in the event County Attorney Cullers would be available to give his report at that time.

The Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:55 a.m.. Mail folder items available for review: The Chamber Pulse, Rural News Bits, NIRMA Newsletter, NACo Rep. T. Lowenstein emails (3), Thomas County Courthouse Dedication. County Attorney Cullers was still in District Court.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., to reconvene on Tuesday, December 26, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., in regular session, 10:00 a.m. as Board of Equalization. Complete minutes of the December 12 meeting and an agenda for the December 26 meeting are available in the office of the County Clerk.

I, the undersigned County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the County Board, that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for

public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Jenette G. Lindsey, County Clerk